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"Gathering Scorn" -- a DeesWatch Bulletin on "Gathering Storm" by Morris Dees and James Corcoran. POST or COPY AS YOU LIKE. As they say, "the truth shall make you free."

If Morris Dees exaggerated sense of self-importance were linked with a modicum of competence he might be more dangerous a neo-McCarthyite than he is. For proof positive I direct your attention to a couple of quotes from "Gathering Storm", his latest effort to scare wealthy liberals out of their hard-earned donations:

"Without good information, law enforcement will never be in a position to respond adequately to the militia threat. Presently the Militia Task Force at the Southern Poverty Law Center-- a group of less than ten people-- knows more about the militia world than the FBI." (GS, page 226)

DW commentary: My goodness, what a shock this will be to the poor old FBI! What ARE our tax dollars buying when ole Morris Sleaze knows more than the FBI? This will be all the more remarkable when considered in the light of another Morris' muck-up presented below:

"Senator Specter opened his Waco hearings on June 15, 1995. The key

issue, he said, was whether the government had been candid about the episode. The Reverend Pete Peters and his Christian Identity brethren had grappled with how to embrace Waco without embracing the lifestyle of David Koresh. They resolved the matter, seeing the government's murder of innocent people as the greater transgression. The same problem would also plague Specter."

"One of the first witnesses on the opening day was Kiri Jewell. Fourteen-year-old Kiri tearfully gave graphic testimony about how she was repeatedly sexually abused by Koresh. She was the Democrats' best witness, a favor allowed but later regretted by Republicans. Her testimony was powerful, taking a lot of steam out of Specter's planned assault on the ATF. The best evidence Specter offered of government misconduct was proof that the ATF had lost the element of surprise, yet proceeded with the raid." (GS, page 190.)

DW commentary: Helloooooo. Anybody at Harper-Collins fact-checking these two neo-McCarthyite bozos Dees and Corcoran? Now we might well ask the FBI if they think that Morris really does know more than they do about the militia movement, but I think we can safely assume that the FBI recalls WHERE THE WACO HEARINGS WERE HELD AND WHO CO-CHAIRDED THEM!!!!!!-- LET US GIVE YOU A LITTLE HINT, MORRIS: IT WASN'T THE SENATE AND SENATOR SPECTER DIDN'T CHAIR IT!

Indeed, one wonders how this entertainingly told, yet completely false, peroration on the allegedly befuddled Sen. Specter ever made it into a supposedly non-fiction work. Would someone like to call Sen. Specter and

tell him that Morris sez he should quit messing up hearings CONDUCTED BY
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES!?!?

Kiri Jewell (and I'm sure the FBI recalls this as well) testified before the House hearings on Waco. However, as a classic example of how "factually-challenged" Morris is, this one is hard to beat. Hard to beat, but not unbeatable.

Sen. Specter, I sure hope you can find out what Morris was smoking when he wrote this one. And ask yourself this question: if these two stellar "crack investigators" Dees and Corcoran can be so wrong about something so clearly and unchallengeably a part of the public record, then what else are they wrong about? Well, I'll tell you-- just about everything when it comes to the constitutional militia movement. Before you start making public policy based on these lies-for-money you ought to look a little closer at the bumbling and venally incompetent messengers who bring them to you.

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